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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR KOTZEV

1. VENELINE KOTZEV LEFT ALGIERS SEPT 4 ON DIRECT TRANSFER TO ROME WHERE HE WILL SERVE AS BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR. KOTZEV BECAME AMBASSADOR HERE IN NOVEMBER 1974. THIS WAS APPARENTLY HIS FIRST DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT, AND WE UNDERSTAND HIS POSTING HERE REPRESENTED SETBACK IN WHAT HAD BEEN VERY PROMISING CAREER IN BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. (DEPARTMENT MAY WISH PASS MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON THIS POINT TO EMBASSY ROME.)

2. KOTZEV DID NOT MAKE OVERWHELMING IMPRESSION ON ALGERIAN SCENE. HE IS PLEASANT MAN WHO TOOK UP TENNIS WITH GREAT GUSTO DURING HIS STAY, AN ACTIVITY WHICH PROVIDED HIM FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH WESTERN DIPLOMATS. UNLIKE SOME OF HIS EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTERPARTS, HE SPOKE CREDITABLE FRENCH BUT DID NOT GIVE IMPRESSION OF BEING PARTICULARLY WELL INFORMED ON ALGERIAN DEVELOPMENTS OR OF CARING TO BE SO.

3. KOTZEV IS RECENTLY RE-MARRIED TO A YOUNG BLONDE WOMAN WHO SPEAKS NO FRENCH AND WHO IS REPUTEDLY A STAR
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OF BULGARIAN RADIO. SHE HAS MADE BRIEF VISIT OR

TWO HERE BUT SPENDS MOST OF HER TIME IN SOFIA. OUR

EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES SPECULATE THAT

HIS MARRIAGE AND TRANSFER TO ROME ARE PHASES IN
REHABILITATION PROCESS.

4. KOTZEV IS HEAVY SET AND MOSTLY BALD. HE
LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE A MORE HANDSOME KOJAK, HAS
A READY SMILE AND HAS BEEN PERSONALLY FRIENDLY
TO EMBOFFS. HE IS 50 YEARS OLD.

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